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Thu, Jun 4, 2015 at 11:59 PM

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To whom it may concern:

I have tried leaving a comment by clicking on the link below and I have tried by logging in on facebook. Neither method has allowed me to comment so I will leave my comment here:

I lend my whole-hearted support to the proposal crafted by John and Melissa Tyler and their advisory board for the Meridian Street Library. I have known John and Melissa for close to 13 years and their support and involvement in East Boston has been unwavering. They have for all of these years been the people who show up to meetings and events and projects--all in the name of trying to better the community in which they live--and often bringing 4 or 5 other people (including me and my husband after moving to E. Boston for just a few weeks) in tow! Their ability to bring a real estate development venture to fruition that enriches their neighborhood is clearly demonstrated in 154 Maverick Marketplace--these people have a track record! The vision that they have for the Meridian Library is the result of a more than year long collaboration with many other people in the community--people who also have admirable track records in their fields. John and Melissa and Co's proposal will serve the many...in the most diverse and inclusive sorts of ways while maintaining flexibility to adjust focus as necessary depending on what the future brings. Lastly and certainly not least, this proposal offers us all to enjoy the Library in the spirit in which it was created--to provide services for the most inclusive of communities. There truly is here something for everyone.

**Sent:** Friday, May 29, 2015 at 6:12 PM  
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<http://www.courbanize.com/dnd-meridian-street-library/comments>

Below is a comment left in favor of the proposal that John and I presented for the Meridian St Library. I give a good short overview.

Four proposals--each very different.

The East Boston Creativity Complex stood head and shoulders above the rest for these reasons:

1. Local input starting a year ago from a diverse advisory board drawn from every facet of the

community including Madeleine Steczynski of Zumix.

2. Proven experience in a similar--and successful--venture by Melissa and John Tyler at 154 Maverick.

3. Flexibility: No set-in-stone plans nor single focus for what will be in the library--but plenty of ideas and suggestions from people ready to support them.

4. Goal: Not focused on profit but on building a sustainable model to develop the potential of the diverse talents of all kinds of people in the community, from the youngest to the most senior.

What the others were missing:

1. STEAM is a fine organization, but for this project I think the focus on technology is too narrow. The Library's space should be more inclusive.

2. The proposal from EBCDC and the East Boston Ecumenical Community Council is impressive but it feels like a done deal. Sounds as if they have already decided which non-profits will use the space. We need fresh ideas about this wonderful project.

3. Do I need to say anything about the Global Property Development Corporation? Its presentation focused 100% on their plans for the financial viability of the project including executive (read "high-priced" apartments) on the top floor. Did they forget whom they were talking to?

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I believe that 154 Maverick's Proposal for the "Creativity Complex" is the most well rounded proposal. It restores and retains the historical nature of the property, including allowing public access to all 3 floors. The uses they have outlined will inherently benefit the all of the community, and also be flexible over time to adapt to the changing needs of the community. Lastly, the project team is the nucleus of the East Boston Community. All have invested heavily and have seen measurable success not by dollars, but by economic impact, community benefit, and historic architecture re-use. The team's dedication to prioritizing these factors should set them far ahead.

Just a comment from me... The CDC can buy any building to house offices and a daycare. The Meridian Street Library has a theater, has large open space for classrooms and performances, as well as space for a large restaurant. There is nothing like this in East Boston and very few buildings if any that can house such events and be open to all.

Thank you again

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**East Boston former library building proposals**

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I am sending my input on the subject proposal via Hotmail because I cannot get the coUrbanize website to accept my e-mail address with password. I hope you will accept my comments this way.

I looked on the coUrbanize website at the four proposals for the former public library building on Meridian Street in East Boston.

I favor the East Boston Creativity Complex proposal put forth by the 154 Maverick Street party.

One of the four proposals is for putting a large child care center in the building. I fear a use like that will congest traffic on either or both Meridian and Border streets when the children are dropped off and picked up before and after day care sessions. Traffic congestion is not good for this neighborhood. Moreover, I do not favor another civic building in the neighborhood having controlled access due to its use for children as is the case with the East Boston YMCA building on Bremen Street.

The S.T.E.A.M. proposal is interesting. It is similar to the 154 Maverick Street proposal. However, John and Melissa Tyler have been neighbors of mine on Marginal Street, East Boston for years and I can attest to how well and conscientiously they maintain their property there. Thus I am confident they would do the same on Meridian Street.

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